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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

Jacobson et al.

Examiner

Sandra Saucier

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on Feb 13, 2003
- 2a) This action is FINAL.
- 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) 11 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-5 and 7-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 6 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner. If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

- 14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
- a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 6
- 6) Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-11 are pending. Claims 1-10 are considered on the merits. Claim 11 is withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Election/Restriction

Applicant's election of Group I with traverse of in Paper No. 8 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the grounds that (1) the examiner did not present an alternate use for the kit of Group II. This is not found persuasive because the method claims and the kit are not a combination-subcombination. All that is necessary to demonstrate is that the performance of the method does not require the kit. Applicants appear to argue that any performance of the method requires the kit and a reference which discloses the method must also disclose the kit. If applicants wish to be bound by this statement, the inventions may be rejoined upon a statement that a reference which anticipates or makes obvious the method of claim 1 also anticipates or makes obvious the kit.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

INDEFINITE

Claims 5 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 5 requires that aminoguanidine be added to the system and the results compared with substance (I); however, aminoguanidine and substance (I) may be the same compound leading to confusion about the performance of the method.

In claims 5 and 7, it is unclear what bearing the measurements performed have on the determination of a substance which regulates glycation. The method is missing the relationship between the two measurements.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this

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Claims 1-4, 8, 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Cervantes-Laurean *et al.* [IDS].

The claims are directed to a method of determining if a substance regulates glycation comprising:

admixing (1) a substance to be tested, (2) ADP-ribose, (3) histone H1; determining if the substance has an effect on glycation.

The references are relied upon as explained below.

Cervantes-Laurean *et al.* discloses a method of admixing ADP-ribose and histone H1 and measuring glycation. The reference also demonstrates that admixture of aminoguanidine to the system of ADP-ribose and histone H1 inhibits the crosslinking of H1. Measurement is by SDS-PAGE and by fluorescence (page 10466, second column). Incubation was for 20 minutes.

With regard to the functional language in claim 9, nucleophilic compound, aminoguanidine is considered to be a nucleophilic compound as the term "nucleophilic compound" is a term of comparison with no definite reference point.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 6 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Group Art Unit 1651. The supervisor for 1651 is M. Wityshyn, (703) 308-4743. The normal work schedule for Examiner Saucier is 8:30AM to 5:00 PM Monday and Tuesday and 8:30 AM to noon on Wednesday.

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